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1. President RHEE, his cabinet, and the South Korean National Assembly moved from Taegu to Pusan at 6:50 p.m. on 2 August. SIN Song-mo, the Minister of National Defense, remained at Taegu.
2. There is a rumor current in Seoul that CHO So-ang, former National Assemblyman, and the chairman of the People's Committee of Chongni District, Seoul since the North Korean occupation, was executed in late July by the North Korean authorities for non-cooperation and refusal to obey orders.\*
3. Communist authorities in Taejon on 19 July issued the following statement which was posted on the walls throughout the city: "Epidemics have killed 7,000 in Pusan and 3,000 in Taegu in the last few days before 19 July. To prevent the spread of these epidemics, all persons entering Taejon from the south must check in at the quarantine section of the Taejon police."

\* [REDACTED] Comment. CHO So-ang was formerly the leader of the Socialist Party.

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